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124 WEST CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE
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Dear Friend:

Thank you for inquiring about the Flowers of Our Lady and Mary Gardens.

Flowers of Our Lady are familiar flowers which have been dedicated to Mary through the centuries by name as symbols of the immaculateness of her purity, the beauty of her holiness, the events and mysteries of her life, and the splendor of her heavenly glory.

In Mary Gardens, originated in medieval times, these flowers are cultivated around a statue or shrine of Our Lady, adorning it and proclaiming in their symbolical language the great things God has accomplished in Mary and the mystery of her collaboration with Him in the salvation of the world.

The enclosed article reprint lists some 50 symbolical annual, biennial and perennial Flowers of Our Lady commonly available today in temperate climates. You can start your Mary Garden by obtaining their seeds, bulbs and plants in season from your local or mail-order garden suppliers. Then add others through the year until your Mary Garden is filled. Or, start an indoor dish or planter Mary Garden, using the enclosed list and instructions for Our Lady's House Plants from sub-tropical and tropical climates.

As Mary's Flowers grow and bloom under your care, develop the habit of reflecting and meditating on their symbolism, referring to start with to the meditations offered in the enclosed "Our Lady's Garden" leaflet.

Further information on the Flowers of Our Lady and Mary Gardens is contained in the literature listed on the reverse side of this letter. Quantities of this literature are available at the special rates shown, for distribution to groups and societies.

If you would like to work with us as a Mary-Garden Missionary, spreading the Mary Garden idea and movement in your parish or community, send us a photograph of your Mary Garden when it is established. In return we will send you, without charge or obligation, Missionary suggestions and free literature to give those you interest in starting Mary Gardens.

If we can be of further help in any way, please write to us.

Sincerely yours in Our Lady,
John S. Stokes Jr.
for Mary's Gardens

MARY-GARDEN MATERIALS

MARIANA 1: List of 600 symbolical flowers, herbs, shrubs, trees and house plants, with their common, botanical and religious names \$1.00

Introductory Outdoor Seed Kit: "Our Lady's Garden" of 10 Seed Packets for annual Flowers of Our Lady, and inspirational leaflet with planting instructions and garden designs. Easily started indoors 1.00

Herb List of 30 fragrant and culinary Herbs of Our Lady for growing in outdoor Mary's Herb Gardens, with instructions for growing and uses . . 0.20

House Plant List of 30 Flowers of Our Lady for indoor dish and planter Mary Gardens, with complete growing instructions. For those without outdoor gardening space. Valued gifts for the sick and for shut-ins . . 0.20

House Plants for the Blind: Instruction sheet listing 8 House Plants of Our Lady with symbolism of feel or fragrance, special directions for gardening by sound and touch, directions for making durable braille markers, and short suggested meditations on the plant symbolism, suitable for typing in braille. A charitable work for Mary-Gardeners . . . 0.20

Background Articles and Pamphlets (10 for \$1.00. 100 for \$5.00 or 250 for \$10.00, in any combination):

"God's Flowers", from CATHOLIC WOMAN'S JOURNAL (Flowers in the liturgy) .20
"Man In God's Garden", from CATHOLIC WORLD (Religious & worldly gardening).20
"Mary's Gardens", from MARIAN ERA (History of Marian flower associations) .20
"Mary-Gardening With St. Francis", from ASSISI (Loving care for flowers) .20
"St. Joseph, Patron . . .", from ST. JOSEPH (Gardening work as prayer) .20
"Gardening With Mary", from QUEEN OF ALL HEARTS (Garden meditations) .20
"In Mary's Garden", from MARY (A child's Mary Garden joys & instruction) .20
"Our Lady's Garden", leaflet (Instructions for a beginning Mary Garden) .20
"Providence And The Gardener", leaflet (The Fundamentals of gardening) .20
"Honoring Mary With God's Artistry", from GOOD WORK (Mary Garden Design) .20
"A Garden Full of Aves", from MARIANIST (Pioneer Mary-Garden Missionary) .20

Marian Award Kits (Article, "Our Lady's Garden" lft., Seed Pkt) 10 for 1.50

Cloister's List: Religious names of 100 Flowers of Our Lady planted in the herb garden, identified by their botanical names, of The Cloisters, Fort Tryon Park, New York City. Be sure to visit when in New York20

Booklet: "Thoughts For Gardeners" by Cecilia Phillips (English). 58 pp. .90

Book: "Our Lady's Flowers" by Beldy (Irish). 42 color prints and text 4.25

Lecture Kit for schools, colleges, parish societies, garden clubs:
50 Color Slides, Printed Text & 45 minute tape: Rental - \$7.00; Sale - 25.00
Printed Lecture Text separately (contains unique material) 1.00
Color Slides of additional Flowers of Our Lady (2"x2" mounts), each .50

Outdoor Statuary by Ade Bethune, in white, sand-brown or bronze-green stoneware: Mary, Seat of Wisdom - 27" and St. Joseph, Worker - 25".
Photographs and complete information on request. Each, f.o.b., Phila. . 78.00

Payment with order. All materials except outdoor statuary sent postpaid.

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